

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Garfield County



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Utah Department of Workforce Services

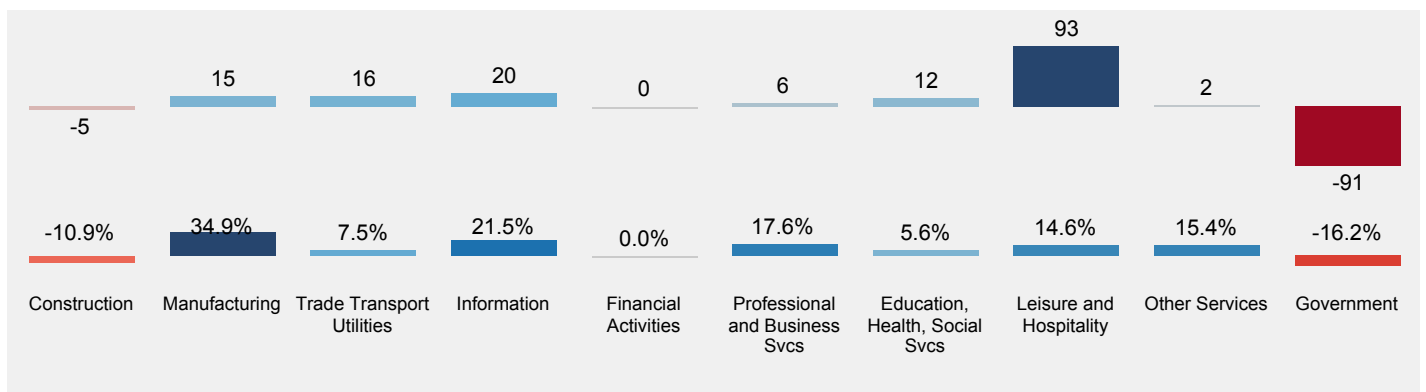
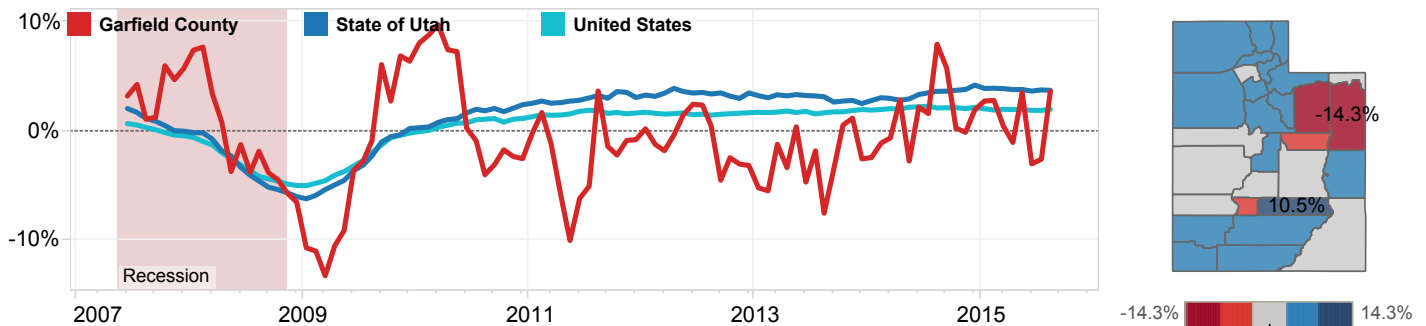
Year-to-Year Change in Nonfarm Jobs MARCH 2016*

↑ 69

3.6%
Garfield County

3.7%
State of Utah

2.0%
United States



How's the economy?

Garfield County began 2016 with a mixed performance on the jobs front. Although the first two months of 2016 showed year-over declines in employment, March ended the quarter with a healthy 4-percent increase. Whether job growth or job contraction will win out in 2016 is not yet clear. Joblessness does appear to be on the upswing after edging down for most of 2015. In addition, the county's always high unemployment rate measures more than double the state average. On the other hand, first-time claims for unemployment insurance show no signs of nonseasonal activity. Gross taxable sales rounded out this diverse set of economic indicators with a strong first-quarter increase.

Jobs

While, overall, Garfield County's first quarter 2016 nonfarm employment dipped by 0.5 percent in comparison to the previous year, March ended the quarter on the upswing.

Between March 2015 and March 2016, the county added 70 new jobs for a year-to-year gain of nearly 4 percent.

A notable employment gain in leisure/hospitality services employment was canceled out by a notable job loss in the public sector.

Other industries showing job gains included manufacturing, retail trade, healthcare/social services and information.



*Preliminary
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Utah Department of Workforce Services.

[Link for PDF version.](http://jobs.utah.gov/wi/regions/county/garfield.html) jobs.utah.gov/wi/regions/county/garfield.html

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate JUNE 2016

8.8%

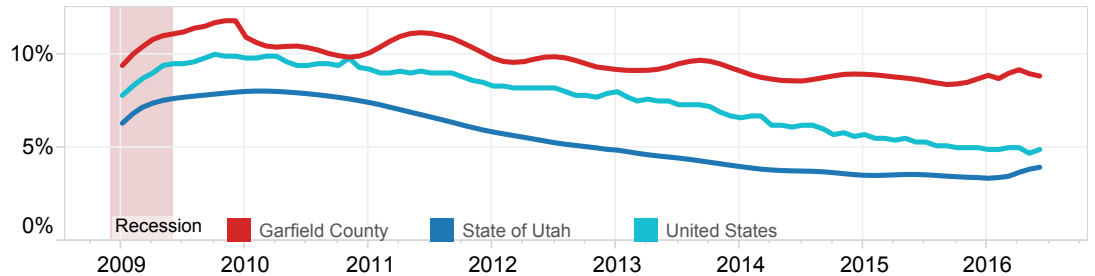
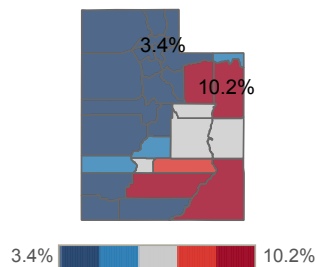
Garfield County

4.0%

State of Utah

4.9%

United States

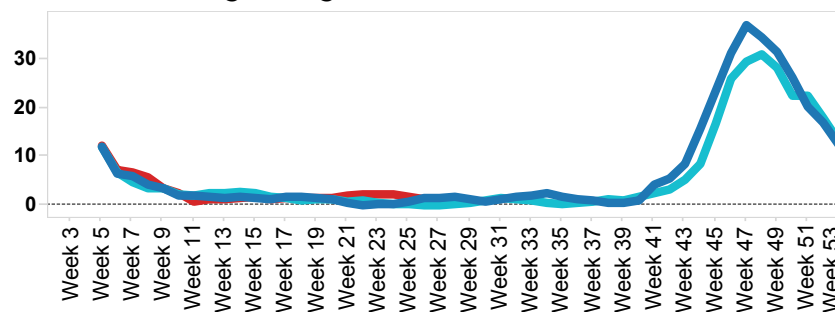


Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance

YTD July 2, 2016

Four-Week Moving Average

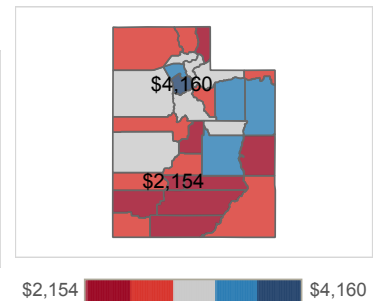
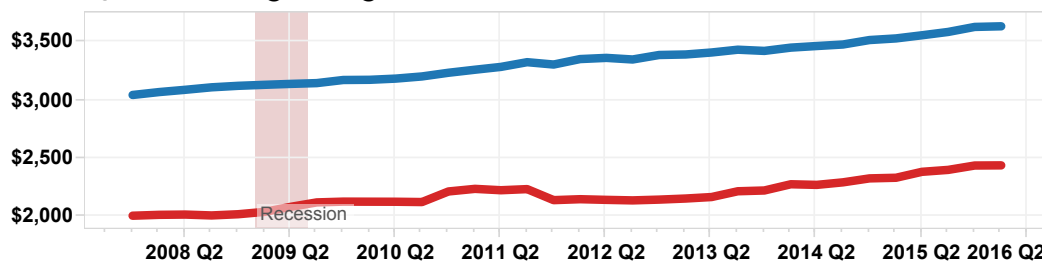
2014 2015 2016



Average Monthly Wage FIRST QUARTER 2016*

Four-Quarter Moving Average

Garfield County State of Utah



Unemployment and Wages

Garfield County's already high jobless rate has been trending up since late 2015.

In June 2016, the county's unemployment rate registered 8.8 percent. The seasonal nature of the Garfield County's labor market results in a perennially high jobless rate.

The lack of significant claims activity suggests the unemployment uptick is the result of workers entering or re-entering the labor market.

So far in 2016, first-time claims have followed a seasonal pattern with no sign of cyclical distress.

Garfield County's average monthly nonfarm wage continued to slowly edge upward. However, the first quarter 2016 figure showed a barely noticeable year-to-year gain.

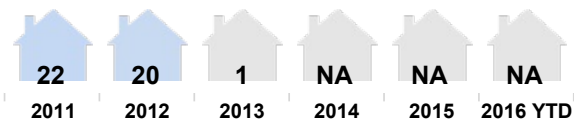


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Construction Permitting JANUARY-MARCH 2016

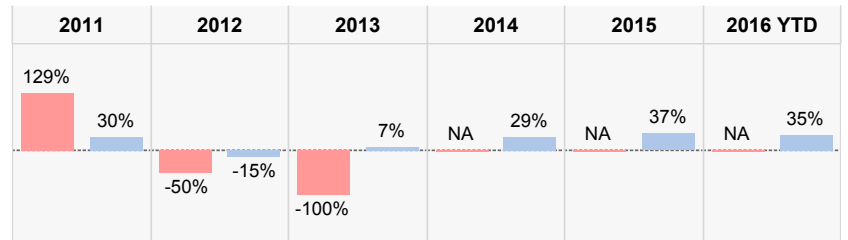
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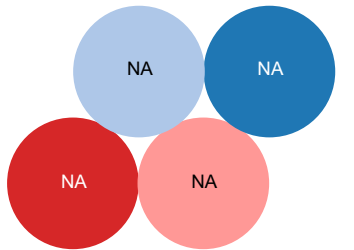
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Change in Nonresidential Values

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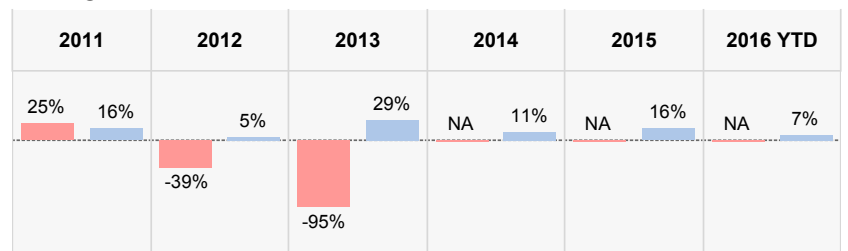


JANUARY-MARCH 2016



Add/Alt/Repair Nonres Add/Alter/Repair Res New Nonresidential New Residential

Change in Total Values



Year-to-Year Change In Gross Taxable Sales FIRST QUARTER 2016

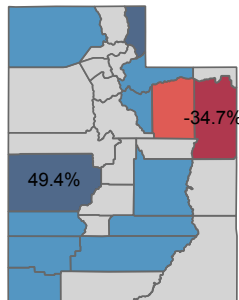
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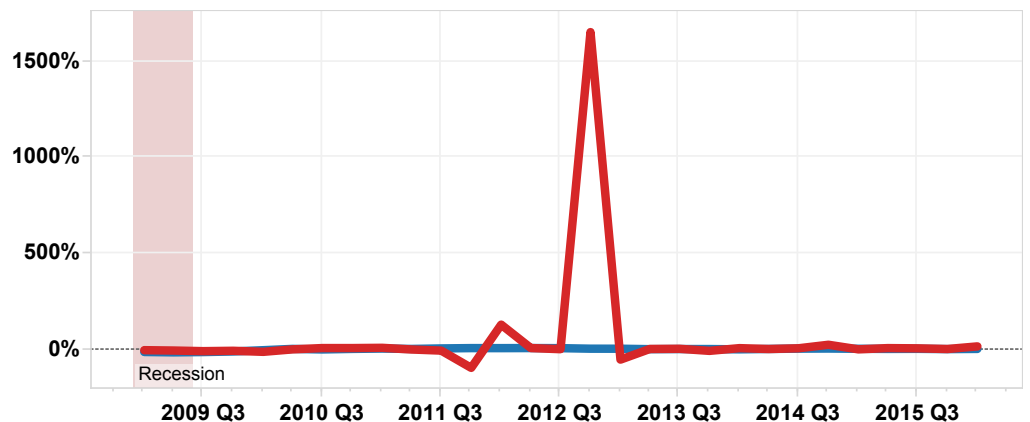
State of Utah

\$17.5%

\$4.4%



-49.4% 49.4%



Construction and Sales

Current construction data is not available for Garfield County.



Between the first quarters of 2015 and 2016, Garfield County's gross taxable sales increased by a robust 18 percent.



Accommodations and retail trade experienced the strongest sales gains.



*Preliminary; NA - Not Available.

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services, Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research and Utah State Tax Commission.



Nonfarm Jobs by Month FIRST QUARTER 2016*

	January 2016			February 2016			March 2016		
	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Year-Ago % Change	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Year-Ago % Change	Total Jobs	Year-Ago Numeric Change	Year-Ago % Change
TOTAL	1,614	-50	-3.0%	1,665	-44	-2.6%	1,964	69	3.6%
GOODS PRODUCTION	95	-15	-13.6%	105	-3	-2.8%	113	11	10.8%
Construction	33	-17	-34.0%	38	-9	-19.1%	41	-5	-10.9%
Manufacturing	49	2	4.3%	54	6	12.5%	58	15	34.9%
SERVICE PRODUCTION	1,519	-35	-2.3%	1,560	-41	-2.6%	1,851	58	3.2%
Trade Transport Utilities	192	-10	-5.0%	189	-6	-3.1%	228	16	7.5%
Wholesale Trade	12	5	71.4%	8	1	14.3%	8	1	14.3%
Retail Trade	142	-15	-9.6%	141	-8	-5.4%	183	18	10.9%
Transportation and Warehousing	14	2	16.7%	15	2	15.4%	12	-2	-14.3%
Utilities	24	-2	-7.7%	25	-1	-3.8%	25	-1	-3.8%
Information	107	16	17.6%	109	17	18.5%	113	20	21.5%
Financial Activities	26	0	0.0%	25	-1	-3.8%	26	0	0.0%
Finance and Insurance	21	-1	-4.5%	20	-2	-9.1%	21	-1	-4.5%
Professional and Business Svcs	32	4	14.3%	37	9	32.1%	40	6	17.6%
Professional/Scientific/Techn Svcs	15	-1	-6.3%	15	-1	-6.3%	15	-3	-16.7%
Administrative Support/Waste Mgmnt	17	5	41.7%	22	10	83.3%	25	9	56.3%
Education, Health, Social Svcs	228	12	5.6%	226	13	6.1%	228	12	5.6%
Health Care and Social Services	225	13	6.1%	223	14	6.7%	225	12	5.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	462	28	6.5%	500	25	5.3%	730	93	14.6%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation		-24	-100.0%		-23	-100.0%		-25	-100.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	456	46	11.2%	494	42	9.3%	721	109	17.8%
Other Services	12	0	0.0%	14	0	0.0%	15	2	15.4%
Government	460	-85	-15.6%	460	-98	-17.6%	471	-91	-16.2%
Federal	112	4	3.7%	112	-6	-5.1%	127	-2	-1.6%
State	72	-2	-2.7%	72	-2	-2.7%	72	-2	-2.7%
Local	276	-87	-24.0%	276	-90	-24.6%	272	-87	-24.2%
Covered Ag, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting*	57	20	54.1%	53	14	35.9%	46	8	21.1%

* Not included in total.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding and the exclusion of confidential data.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

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